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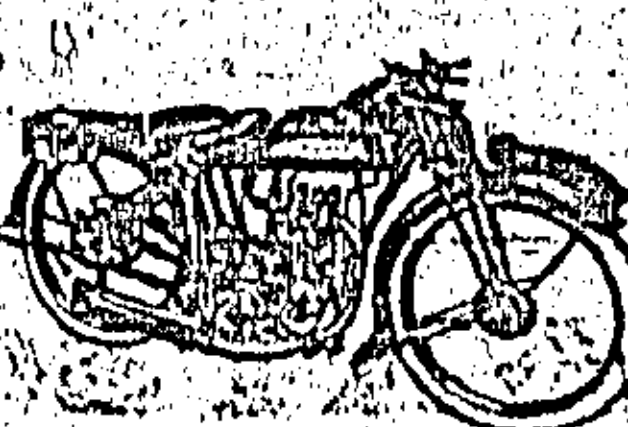
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BETTER STRIKE OUTLOOK.

TRAMS AGAIN RUNNING.

Plenty of Meat and Vegetables.

The general outlook of the strike in Hongkong is undoubtedly getting brighter every day. To-day has witnessed the partial resumption of the tramway service, thanks to the organisation of an emergency corps of volunteer helpers, and this has undoubtedly done much to bring about an atmosphere and spirit of normality.

One of the most encouraging signs of the trend of things is the return to work of a number of Chinese pig slaughterers and the expected return of Chinese butchers generally. Over 100 pigs were slaughtered at Kennedy Town last night by Chinese killers and more are to be killed to-day. Soldiers from the local Garrison are still carrying on the slaughtering of beef cattle, 24 head being killed last night and 30 being killed this morning. There are plenty of beasts coming to hand and it is confidently expected that the whole of the Chinese butchers will report for duty sometime to-day or to-morrow, as it is known that they are anxious to resume work.

A round of all the markets made early this morning revealed that there were very plentiful supplies of everything, excepting fresh fish from Canton. There was plenty of salt water fish, and the meat stalls were all well supplied. There appeared to be an absolute glut of vegetables, big supplies having been received over the week-end, including consignments from the New Territories. The prices of all market commodities are but little changed as compared with pre-strike days and there is absolutely nothing to fear in the way of a shortage. The transportation of the produce is proceeding as normally, and it is hard to imagine that Hongkong is in the throes of a "general strike."

There has been a slight extension of the strike to-day, the meter readers and meter fitters of the Hongkong Electric Company failing to report for duty this morning. On the other side of the picture, however, is the return to work of some of the building trades. These comings and goings are inevitable in a movement such as the present which lacks direction, organisation and even sanity.

THE BANKS.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary contains a notification to the effect that the regulation made by the Governor-in-Council on the 23rd instant is repealed so far as it relates to the nine Banks mentioned therein.

This regulation prohibited the payment of more than ten per cent. of deposits standing to depositors' credits, except under licence from the Colonial Secretary. It also gave permission to Banks unwilling to comply with this regulation, to suspend business.

To-day's notification directs attention to the fact that any Bank is permitted to carry on its ordinary business under licence from the Colonial Secretary.

PEKING STUDENTS.

INTEREST IN SHAMEEN AFFAIR.

Peking, June 29. The students held a meeting yesterday and decided to hold a demonstration parade to-morrow regarding the Shameen affair. They also passed a resolution thanking the Russian students for their telegram of sympathy, also deciding to lodge a protest with the French Minister regarding the expulsion of Chinese students from France.

The meeting further decided to ask Dr. C. W. Wu for his version of the Shameen affair, and to write the Italian Government enquiring its attitude on the Shanghai affair.

We hear that a small party of Royal Engineers has gone up to the Shameen from Hongkong, apparently in connection with the defence of that place.

CANTON GERMANS.

HONGKONG COMMUNITY ANGERED BY LETTER.

Considerable discussion was caused yesterday by the reproduction in the *Telegraph* of a letter appearing in the *Canton Gazette* and alleged to be signed by "German merchants" residing in Tungshan, purporting to be an expression of sympathy with the Chinese for the "merciless killing and wounding" at Shameen last Tuesday. It was on the face of it a rather remarkable document to be really genuine, and no-one, we are sure, will be surprised to learn that it is widely believed that the letter was an absolute fake. At any rate it is repudiated not only by Germans residing in Hongkong, but also by many who were at Tungshan and have since come to this Colony.

A representative of the *Telegraph* who called on the German Consul General for Hongkong, this morning, was informed that efforts are being made to establish the authorship of the document. The Consul said that he learned yesterday that there was some form of letter relating to the alleged German attitude towards the Shameen affair, and not having seen a copy of it he called on Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher to enquire whether the local Government had any news of the document in question. He was informed that no such document had been received, and, in any case, not much importance would be attached to it. Later, when the Consul read the reproduced letter in the *Telegraph*, which constituted his first knowledge of its actual contents, he immediately wired to his colleague, the German Consul at Canton, asking that an enquiry be made as to the authors of the document. A reply is expected.

The Consul expressed his disbelief in the genuineness of the letter. He said that all the Germans here, including the leading merchants of the community who have come down from Canton, are very sorry that the letter has appeared, and some of them are even very angry and express their feelings in no uncertain terms. Referring to a comment in to-day's *Morning Post* the Consul read out the opinion that the letter bore the Moscow trade mark, and told our representative that he thought it a very apt description.

Asked whether any Germans were actual eyewitnesses of the Shameen shooting, the Consul said that, so far as he knew, none of them were, as they were residing at Tungshan and had been asked to keep to their homes when the possibility of trouble arose. However, in view of the substantial evidence already published as to the affair, they had no doubt as to the true facts.

"Cum Grano Salis."

We have received the following letter for publication.

Sir,—Some Tungshan German merchants "received several reports," etc., etc. I have been in China for a quarter of a century and should strongly advise those merchants to treat such information, which most probably was only given by Chinese, *cum grano salis*. Also, to exercise their mental faculties somewhat above the all-round office-standard.

Was there no other road for the demonstrators to walk but around half of Shameen, and secondly, what business have demonstrators to carry arms and ammunition during such a procession? There is no getting away from the fact that these two points were intended to provoke the Shameen residents.

If those merchants had witnessed some of the horrors during the Boxer rising, they would know that the victims of a fanatical Chinese mob would have to expect, and the guns and Mausers in the hands of Chinese low class and unripe youngsters are apt to go off only too easily.

Probably the Tungshan German merchants are not aware that they not only encourage further anti-European feeling and thus have to bear their share of responsibility, but they are also ridiculed

by the great majority of peace-loving and sensible Chinese, who know that the departure of China from the Confucian system and the propaganda of the Bolsheviks, combined with the "blessings" of republican business wars of money-brained militarists, are the origin of what disaster will finally befall China, especially when such encouraging Mephistophistic sympathy is tendered to those mentally uneducated masses of Chinese coolies and school children.

But, of course, it helps to get some more deliveries of goods, more orders, and is a *quid pro quo* for the protective armlet. Perhaps, also, unearthy fear for their own safety in Tungshan made the merchants write this rash letter which would never have been written during the monarchial Germany. I feel sure, however, that these merchants would have been given every protection on Shameen had it been necessary.

Enclosing my card.—Yours etc.,
OLD GERMAN RESIDENT.
Hongkong, June 30th, 1925.

Sir,—In your yesterday's issue, I read a copy of a letter signed German Merchants in Tungshan. My opinion is that my compatriots should not mix into matters which solely concern the British, French and Chinese authorities.

Either these merchants have received only Chinese reports, or they intend to sneak themselves into the favour of the Chinese. If latter is the case, they are not to be scorned but to be pitied. They do not seem to realise that the whole movement is anti-European, worked up by Russian Bolsheviks. If they realise this movement, it seems a shame to me that these merchants have not enough pride to say, "I am a foreigner so I have to stand with the rest of them."

Many of my Chinese friends and I as well are sorry that the Shameen machine-guns made no better clean-up amongst the so-called soldiers who are nothing but former bandits. If a few school-boys, so-called students, were also killed it is their own fault. Children should not mix in politics; they should first put their noses into the books and learn enough to understand politics.—Yours etc.,
GERMAN ANTI-BOLSHEVIK.
Hongkong, June 30th, 1925.

NEWS FROM THE PORTS.

The following reports have just been received by local naval authorities:

Canton.
Tension in Canton is relaxing and situation is generally quiet. Nothing further to report.

Kongmoon.
Nothing to report.

Wuchow.
Situation unchanged.

Swatow.
Situation unchanged.

Hoihow.
Situation much improved.

TRADE MARK LAW.

Shanghai, June 30. The British Chamber of Commerce announced to-day that the period for registering marks under Clause 4 of the Trade Mark Law has been extended to December 31st, 1925.—*Reuter*.

CHINESE RAILWAY CONCESSIONS.

'AN OBJECTION RAISED.'

London, June 29. In the House of Commons, Mr. Johnston declared that the British Government representatives objected to the projected railway development in the provinces of Hunan and Hupeh on the ground that British nationals held preferential concessions from the late Viceroy Chiang Chih-tung.

Asked the nature of the concessions and considerations for which they were given, Mr. Chamberlain replied that he was unable to trace the incident referred to, but if Mr. Johnston would give him particulars, he would enquire.—*Reuter*.

The authorities here have been officially informed that the Canton Customs House has re-opened.

BIG EARTHQUAKE.

FELT ALL OVER CALIFORNIA.

SEASIDE RESORT SUFFERS.

San Francisco, June 29. A severe earthquake was experienced throughout California this morning.

The city of Los Angeles was rocked by the quake, but the centre of the shock was the seaside resort of Santa Barbara, where large buildings, including hotels, collapsed. The streets were flooded as the result of burst water mains.

Tremendous waves accompanied the earthquake, which also caused the accounts of the disaster are conflicting, as the telegraph lines are cut, but it is reported that sixty-five people have been killed.

Shocks were also felt in Montana, where a crevice ten miles long was formed in the earth, whilst eight hundred feet of cliff toppled over, burying the railway in debris.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Santa Barbara, June 30. It is believed that the earthquake casualties are greatly exaggerated. It is ascertained that twelve persons have been killed.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Recorded in Hongkong.

Seen by a representative of the *Telegraph* this morning, Mr. C. W. Jeffries, of the Royal Observatory, stated that the Montana earthquake was registered at the Observatory here on June 28th, at 1 hour 39 mins. Greenwich Mean Time, which was equivalent to 9 hours 39 mins. Hongkong time. The maximum intensity of the waves registered here was 2.55 r.m. Having regard to Hongkong's position from the point of origin (nearly half way round the world) the movement of the seismograph indicated a very severe shock. The waves took over three hours to reach Hongkong.

THE CHINESE DISTURBANCES.

JAPAN UNLIKELY TO INTERVENE.

Tokyo, June 29. It is authoritatively opined that Japan is not likely to intervene in China. The general tone is sympathetic and it is believed that the situation will calm slowly.—*Reuter*.

Warships and Troops from Portugal.
Lisbon, June 29.

Owing to the anti-foreign agitation in China two warships and a transport with troops and munitions will be sent to Macao from Portugal. It is reported that a force of native troops may also be sent from Mozambique.—*Reuter*.

The Russian Propaganda.
London, June 29. In the House of Commons, Sir Alfred Knox asked whether, in view of the fact that the disturbances in China were fostered or aggravated by agents of another Government, he had now decided what action he would take to secure a cessation of such activities.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the question involved wide political issues with which it was impossible to deal by way of question and answer. He had made no representations on the subject.

Sir W. H. Davidson pointed out that the Anglo-Russian Trade Agreement provided that Russia would cease propaganda against the British Empire—(Ministerial cheers).

Mr. Chamberlain said this was not a question of propaganda against the British Empire, but against the combined Diplomatic Body.—*Reuter*.

British Protest.

Peking, June 29. A British Note to the Chinese Government with regard to the Kiukiang riot on the 13th instant protests most strongly against the outrage, and reserves the right to demand full reparation for all damage done as well as an apology for the insult to the British flag.—*Reuter*.

TRAMWAYS RESUME.

MORE VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

This morning witnessed the commencement of the Hongkong tramways, a limited service between the Post Office and Happy Valley being inaugurated by British and Portuguese drivers and conductors. It was announced last night that a ten-minute service between the points affected would be maintained, but even better than that has been achieved, an eight-minute frequency of trams being kept up.

Commencing at eight o'clock this morning the service will run until eight o'clock to-night. The emergency tramcar drivers are mainly in uniform and, in addition to a conductor, there is a regular policeman and a special policeman on each car. This is a precaution against any interference or annoyance on the part of the strikers, but everything has passed off quite peacefully, and large numbers of passengers are being carried over the section in operation.

Further volunteers are wanted. The Portuguese have come forward splendidly, and if the Tramway Company could get further assistance it would be possible to put more cars on the route. The training of men naturally takes some time, so the earlier volunteers come forward, the better.

"ASIA" PASSENGERS.

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES LEAVE.

Instead of coming direct into port this morning when she arrived at ten o'clock the "Empress of Canada" anchored at Junk Bay and about twelve noon the "Empress of Asia" steamed out in order to pick up her white Russian crew.

Amongst the passengers leaving for America are a number of missionaries including Mrs. J. D. Pugh, Miss Christine Derr, Miss M. Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Holt and family, Dr. and Mrs. Beddoe, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Miss May Stachel, Miss M. Babson, Miss E. M. Sawyer, and Miss S. E. Glass.

Mrs. C. Montague Ede and her son Mr. Montague Ede left for Home to-day on the "Empress of Asia." Also on board are Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ray and family, Major and Mrs. Rotherham, Mr. C. Hammond, Far Eastern auditor of the American Express Company, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Tracy and child. Mr. Tracy is a staff member of the Standard Oil Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lauder and children, and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Archbutt were also passengers.

Mrs. D. Stack, wife of Commander Stack of H.M.S. Durban, and her two children, also left for Home.

CANTON QUIET.

Canton is remarkably quiet and the tense feeling which existed immediately after last week's shooting incident is gradually subsiding. A ship's officer to a *Telegraph* representative this morning, the road running alongside the Shaki creek is always totally deserted, the Chinese fearing to walk down it even in daylight.

The same ship's officer, who was in Canton at the time of the shooting and saw everything which went on, confirms the story now generally accepted. He explained that at least five hundred rounds were fired before the Shameen defenders were ordered to reply. He also mentioned that about fifty Government launches lying alongside Honam also participated in the firing and it appeared from their actions that they were endeavouring to prevent the Europeans from boarding the gun-boats.

DONOGHUE'S CONDITION.

Paris, June 29. Donoghue is resting quietly. It is expected that he will be able to get up in a few days and proceed to London over the week-end. The fractured bone has been satisfactorily set and there is no fever.—*Reuter*.

CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

INTERESTING LETTERS.

We have received the following letters for publication:

Sir,—Since your representative interviewed me, I have had several chats with three or four members of the staff of the Canton Christian College and I am sorry to say that they appear to still persist in their attitude proclaimed in the surprising letter signed by "seventeen Americans." One of them told me that it was necessary to defend the Chinese, right or wrong. "Right or wrong?" I replied, and the answer I received was "Yes, because if we didn't the Chinese staff would ask us to resign upon our return when the trouble is over."

Mr. Baxter, who bore the brunt of the whole thing, has not received any support from the other signatories; in fact, one of the seventeen told me that Mr. Baxter has already been requested to resign. I am writing this because I believe that it should be widely known that most of the signatories to the letter of protest are still defending their action as just, although how they can reconcile their consciences is quite beyond me.—Yours, etc.,
ELIZABETH PUGH.
Hongkong, June 30th, 1925.

Pertinent Queries.

Sir,—It is nearly a week ago since the tragic happening on the Shaki Buid, off Shameen. Just who were precisely to blame, we all know, for there are in Hongkong at present a host of witnesses who are prepared to testify that the firing was commenced by the Chinese cadets. The following day, unfortunately, the Chinese Press and the *Canton Gazette* published news to the effect the opposite took place. The most valuable piece of propaganda in support of this misleading view was the resolutions issued by the American teachers of the Canton Christian College. Before proceeding to make further comment on this precious document, I am informed by my colleagues that, despite contradictions to the contrary, already the mischief has been done and every Chinese in Canton believes that the foreigners made an unprovoked attack on a peaceful parade. The only method by which the truth can be made broadcast is for the Hongkong Government to make a statement in Chinese, printed in Chinese and distributed throughout South China to Chinese. I hope it will do so.

Referring again to the resolutions issued by this Canton Christian College, we have all read the very full explanation given by Dr. Baxter but, unfortunately, he did not tell us of the circumstances connected with the signing of this document. Many missionaries and Americans are satisfied in their own minds that such a step was only consistent with a display of force. Dr. Baxter has done all he could as an honourable man, once having known the truth, to retract these statements, which retraction, incidentally, the *Canton Gazette* has not yet seen fit to print. But Dr. Baxter, it must be remembered, is not the head of the College; he is a Britisher and its Vice-President. He has, perhaps, in the circumstances, done all which could be expected. But what of its American President? Is it not time we had his version of the affair? As the responsible head of the institution and present at the time of the signing of the resolutions, has he nothing to add to Dr. Baxter's statement? Was he forced or did he fall? In any case isn't it about time he sent a retraction to the *Canton Gazette*?—Yours truly,

CHRISTOS.

Hongkong Hotel, 29th June, 1925. Statements Adhered To. Sir,—It may interest the public to know that there are in Hongkong at present several members of the staff of the Canton Christian College who signed the letter placing the blame for the shooting in last Tuesday's affair on the Shameen authorities. I have personally spoken to several of these, and they say they still stand by their statement and will never retract it.

The only retraction so far made is that of Dr. Baxter, who is a British subject. I enclose for your private information the names of

INTERNATIONAL GOLF.

AMERICANS BEAT BRITISH.

London, June 29.

Playing at Glenageary in a thirty-six holes four-ball match, MacDonald Smith and Kirkwood (America) beat Mitchell and Duncan (Britain) by two up and one to play.

The Americans did not take the lead until the thirty-third hole. Duncan put the British ahead at the first hole, and Kirkwood squared at the fifth. The British then halved the eleventh and fifteenth, the others being halved. The British were three up at the twentieth, but Kirkwood levelled at the sixth. The British turned a back and the Americans won the match. The holes were halved to the twentieth, but Mitchell, missing a four-yard putt at the fifteenth, left the Americans one up. The sixteenth was halved. Both Britishers hooked their drives at the seventeenth. Mitchell picked up his ball and Duncan failed in an heroic effort to get out of a bunker.—*Reuter*.

WIMBLEDON TENNIS.

JOAN FRY IN SEMI-FINAL.

London, June 29.

The weather was glorious at Wimbledon to-day and a large queue assembled in front of the gates as early as eight o'clock in the morning.

Miss Joan Fry, who came into tennis prominence only a few weeks back in defeating Miss K. McKane in one of the smaller tournaments, met and defeated the Australian triple champion, Miss Akhurst, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. The French star, Madame Billout, eliminated Mrs. Melquham 6-3, 6-3, and will meet Miss Fry in the semi-final.

Miss K. McKane conceded only two games in her match with the Australian lady Miss Boyd, winning 6-1, 6-1, and qualifying to meet Suzanne Lenglen in the semi-final.

The Men's Open Singles Championship, having reached the last eight stage, is halted for the time being to enable progress in other sections.

The second round of the Doubles saw the American pair, Rice and Garland, beat Had and Jacob 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. H. Cochet and Brugnon disposed of the Britishers Spence and Kingsley 6-2, 6-1, 3-6, 5-7, 6-3; while L. A. Godfree and J. H. P. Wheatley scored an easy victory over the Americans, Fanno and Lucien Williams. The Americans were outclassed and lost 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.—*Reuter*.

ERIC LIDDELL'S DEPARTURE.

London, June 29.

Extraordinary scenes marked the departure from Edinburgh of the Scottish Olympic four-hundred metres champion, Eric Liddell, en route to China to take up missionary work. Liddell was hailed through the city in a decorated carriage by students. He addressed the crowd at the station, and the crowd sang "Jesus shall reign" as the train left.—*Reuter*.

sixteen American signatories of the letter, none of whom has yet expressed the least intention of withdrawing the statements contained herein. The seventeenth name I am not quite sure about.—Yours etc.,
AMERICANUS.

Hongkong, June 30th, 1925.

Government's Thanks.

Mr. G. Duclos forwards us the following communication, which has been received from the Colonial Secretary in acknowledgment of the expression of opinion recently published by members of the Hongkong American community regarding the Canton Christian College resolution.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter signed by the members of the American Community in this Colony and to convey to them through you an expression of the thanks of this Government for their action in this matter.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant.

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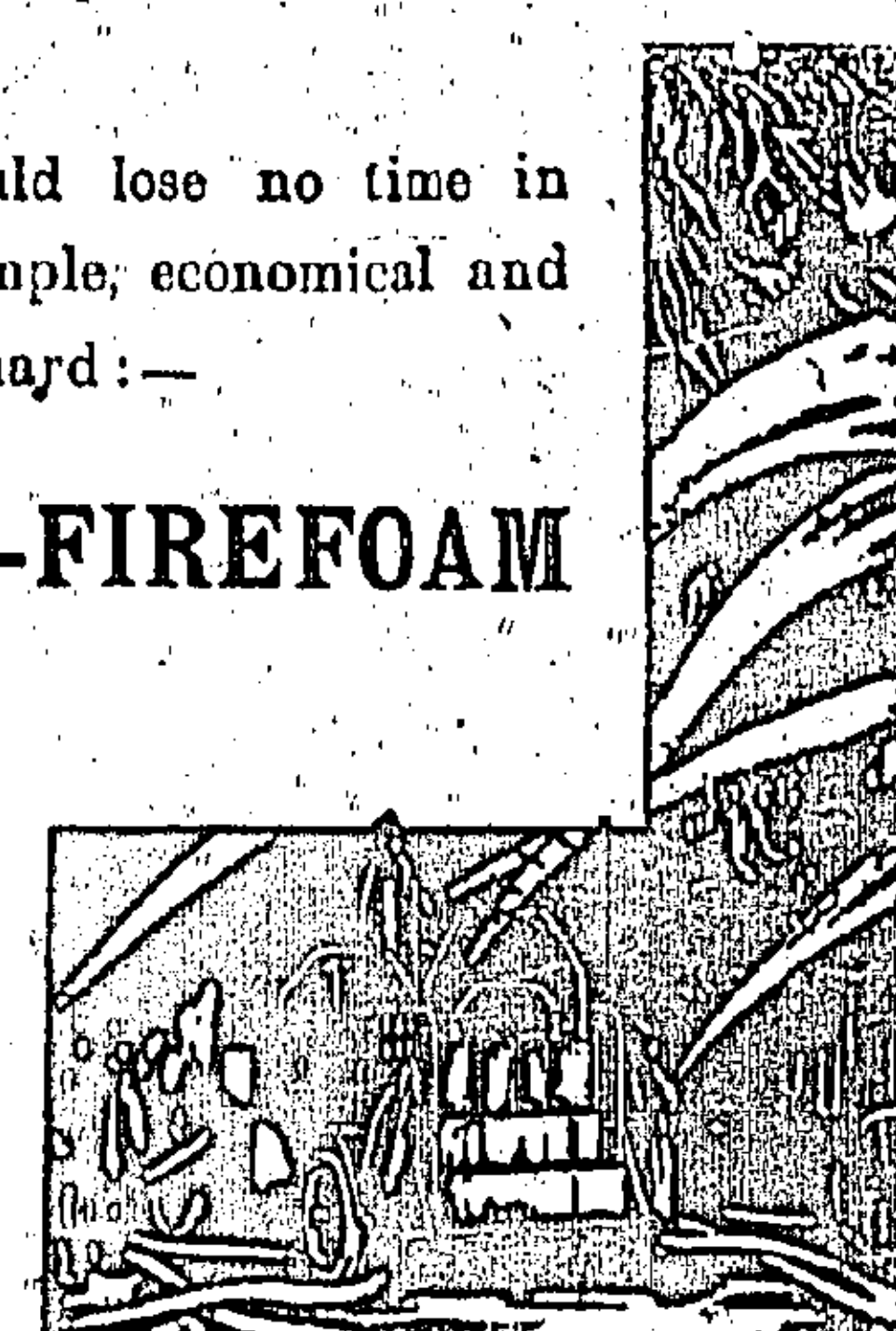
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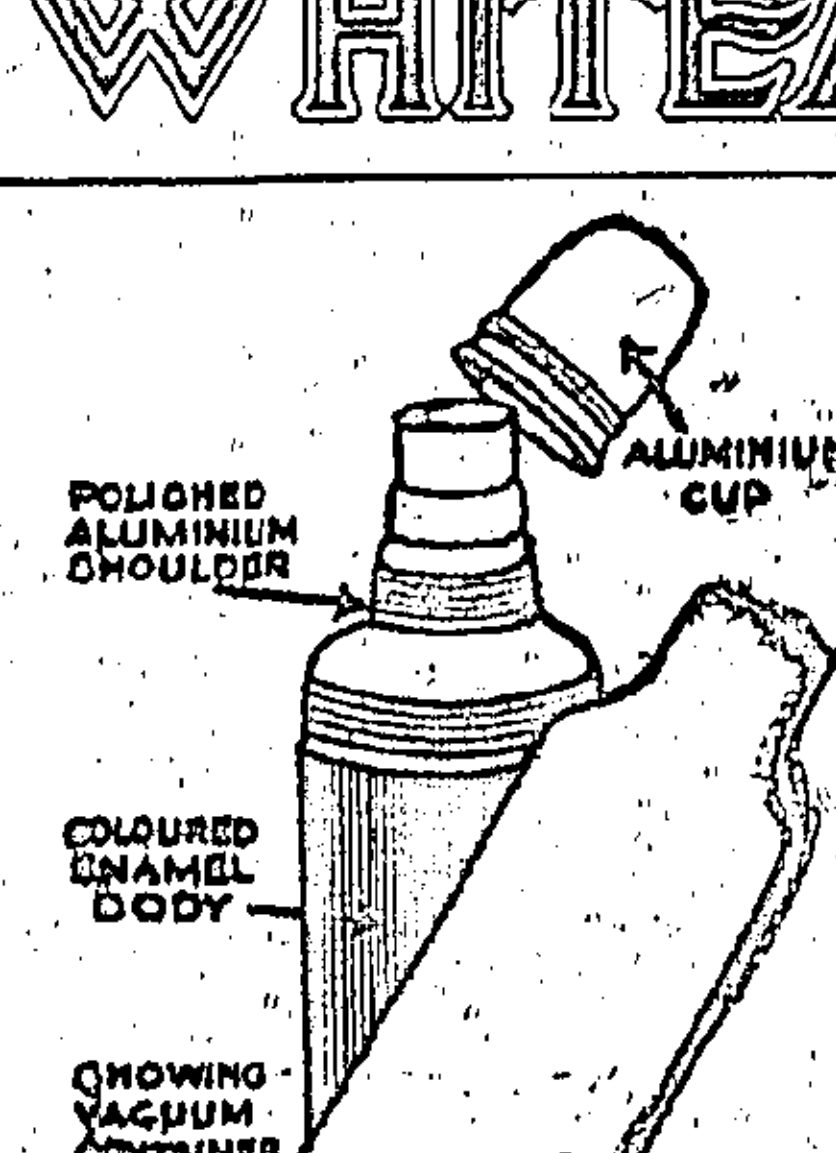
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Monsoon there is always a
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THE PHARMACY BURGLED.

HAUL OF \$1,000 IN NOTES.

The Pharmacy, a drug-store in the A.P.C. Building, was burgled the night before last, when a thief who entered the building unnoticed by the Indian watchman on duty at the entrance, forced open two safes and made a haul estimated at over \$1,000.

Examination by police officers who were called to the store yesterday morning showed that the thief came down to the shop through the shaft of a goods-lift situated in the rear of the building, and after forcing open the door he was enabled to gain access to two safes. The larger of these was forced open by means of a crowbar, and a sum of about \$1,000, mostly in notes, was extracted. The other safe was located under the cash-counter, but very little money was found by the robber in it. In an investigation for other valuables to take away, the robber chose a quantity of cocaine, and this with other drugs and medicines, amounting to very little in value, constituted the total loot in goods.

CANTON RIVER TRAFFIC.

MANY CHINESE LEAVE HONGKONG.

The Sai On returned from Canton this morning with a few passengers and reports all quiet. The Canton-bound passengers are, however, taking no risks but on landing leave for the country into the small villages as soon as they are able.

The Sai On on Sunday took up nearly three thousand Chinese passengers, but the officers say that the story of people being drowned in attempting to board her is grossly exaggerated. A sampan loaded with passengers was capsized, but the occupants were very quickly picked up by the many sampans in the immediate vicinity.

The congestion on board was so great that there was sitting down room for very few and the continual appeals for water were satisfied by the engineers.

HOME CRICKET.

SOME LOW SCORING.

London, June 29. Playing at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Hampshire defeated Leicestershire by 335 runs. Hampshire batted first and made 205, Brown scoring 61 and Bignall 50. Leicestershire replied with only 59. Kennedy taking four wickets for 24 runs and Brown six wickets for 35 runs. Hampshire went in again and compiled 303, Newman scoring 61, Brown 70 and Tennyson 54. Leicestershire again failed to do much with the bat, making only 114. Kennedy took five wickets for 29 runs.

Playing at Swansea, Gloucestershire defeated Glamorgan by 69 runs. Gloucestershire batted first and made 162, Mercer taking five wickets for 38 runs and Bates four wickets for 45 runs. Glamorgan replied with 112, Parker taking seven wickets for 62 runs. In their second knock Gloucestershire scored 199, Smith making 59 and Dipper 62. Mercer took six wickets for 47 runs. Glamorgan failed to catch up, but compiled 138, Riches scoring 74. Parker took seven wickets for 93 runs.

Playing at Bradford, Yorkshire defeated Surrey by ten wickets. Surrey batted first and scored only 106, Macaulay taking five wickets for 36 and Kilner three for 13. Yorkshire's first innings produced 238, Holmes scoring 86. Sadler took four wickets for 45 runs and Fender four for 43. Surrey went in for a second time to make 175, Shepherd contributing 65, not out. Macaulay took six runs for 68 wickets. Yorkshire made the required 49 runs without the loss of a wicket.

Playing at Eastbourne, Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI defeated Oxford University by an innings and 47 runs. Oxford batted first and made only 56 runs, Allen taking three wickets for 19 runs and Bettington six wickets for 25 runs. Mr. Leveson-Gower's Eleven replied with 235, to which Naumann contributed 69. Howeston took four wickets for 44 runs. Oxford's second knock produced 182, Allen taking five wickets for 58 runs. Reuter.

The harbour was this morning adorned by the presence of two warships. H.M.A.S. Briabane returned from the North, and the U. S. S. Simpson arrived from Swatow. The American gunboat will remain in Hongkong awaiting further orders.

LABOUR CONDITIONS IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI CHILD LABOUR.

Parliamentary Paper.

London, June 30.

A Parliamentary Paper, respecting labour conditions in China has been issued. It originated on a request by the Ministry of Labour to the Foreign Office in March last year and is based on a report by Sir Ronald Mac-Clean. The latter on June 2, 1924 described the suggestion that British millowners are largely responsible for the unsatisfactory conditions in Chinese factories as baseless. Numerous Consular Reports are published and reference is made to the development of trade unionism in China and the opinion is expressed that conditions appear very much better in the foreign factories than in Chinese concerns. The condition in some places, notably Nanking, bear comparison with European factories but there are an unnecessary bad few particularly at Tientsin and Mukden. The correspondence concludes with a letter from the Foreign Office to Consul General Barton in Shanghai on June 6 acknowledging Acting Consul General Pratt's despatch of April 30, reporting the efforts for what introduction by the Shanghai Municipal Council of legislation on the lines of the recommendations contained in their Child Labour Commission Report. Mr. Chamberlain appreciated Mr. Barton's and Mr. Pratt's activity and desired to be promptly informed of developments. He particularly wished to learn what steps would be taken if a deadlock, due to the absence of a quorum of ratepayers continued in Shanghai which rendered the consideration of Child Labour Bylaws impossible. Reuter.

BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYMENT.

SUGGESTED REMEDIES.

The House of Commons by 373 votes to 143 rejected a vote of censure moved by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald blaming the Government for not taking measures to cope with the increased unemployment. Mr. Baldwin in a speech, showed how the situation was due to conditions in certain principal industries. He referred in gratifying terms to the progress of the sugar beet industry of which 50,000 acres were in cultivation as compared with 400 acres in 1919. He hinted at a likelihood of fostering the British film industry and invited the House to consider the stimulation of weakened industries by bounties on production, or exports, or by subsidies on export orders, or by grants in aid of the rates in distressed manufacturing districts, or by subsidies to reduce railway freights. He emphasised the importance of scientific research to help industries. Reuter.

RUSSIAN RAILWAY DISASTER.

Moscow, June 30.

Nine persons were killed and 32 injured when the train from Chita to Moscow was derailed near Novonikolaevsk. Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A SUGGESTION.

[To the Editor Hongkong Telegraph].

Sir,—A poll tax of \$1, payable every years by every male over 10 years of age residing in the Colony of Hongkong, would probably produce a revenue of \$300,000 per annum—a certificate in both Chinese and English would be given to show that the tax had been paid for the current year, and I think few of your readers will fail to see the advantages that would result. Registration of house-owners, cooks, etc., and all other servants and workers would, of course, be included in this general registration of the population, and, if properly classified, would prove of great service to everybody, including the Government. When applying for work, an applicant would be required to produce his poll tax receipt for the current year as proof that the applicant really was what he represented himself to be. The expenses of working this registration scheme would be more than covered by receipts, and as every nationality would be treated exactly alike, there could be no complaint as to discrimination.—Yours, etc., REGISTRATION.

Hongkong, June 30, 1925.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Employers of labour in business establishments, as well as heads of households, will doubtless have read with much interest the statement of law regarding strikers' pay which we published yesterday. The position is that where workers have suddenly left their employers' service, without giving notice, not only are they not entitled to what is commonly termed "strike pay" when they return, but they cannot legally claim wages for the uncompleted portion of the month during which they have worked. Therefore, presuming a striker returned tomorrow, his employer would be quite within his legal rights in making no payment whatsoever to the employee, despite the fact that the latter may have worked for the first twenty days of June. There are, however, doubtless cases in which employers have, during the strike, told certain workers to leave. In such instances, other legal considerations enter into the matter, and the question of what pay is due in these cases will depend on the special circumstances under which these workers left their employment.

The law in the case of actual strikers being now clear, the question naturally arises as to what procedure is to be adopted if, and when the workers return. Here we perceive the absolute necessity of unanimity of treatment by employers. After the last big strike, returning workers were treated differently by various employers. Some gave "strike pay," whilst others did not. We trust that divided counsels will not prevail this time. For that reason, we urge that steps be taken without delay, before the strikers begin to dribble back, in order that a solid front may be presented by all employers. There must be a "get together" movement, and no time should be lost in organizing it. So far as business houses are concerned, we suggest that the lead should come from the General Chamber of Commerce. In the case of domestic servants, the question might well be taken up by the two local Residents' Associations. Let the Committees of these three meet without delay, either jointly or separately, and, after thrashing the matter out, let a definite lead be given to all employers. Now is the appropriate moment to prepare for unanimity of treatment of the strikers when they return. Let no time be lost.

It has always been well known that there is a large section of the Chinese population of this Colony, of all classes, which intensely regrets the present trouble occasioned by outside agitators, and is ready to help the authorities in any way possible. Within the last few days we have had ample evidence of this in the manner in which large numbers of Chinese have come forward and registered themselves for public service, and particularly as Police Reserves. The sight of these men of their own nationality aiding the Government to preserve law and order, and thus assisting to protect the ignorant people against themselves, should have a very salutary effect on those who have been influenced by the specious lies of agitators and rumour mongers. We have to remember in dealing with the latter aspect of the local agitation how easily the Chinese masses are influenced by rumours, however absurd they might be. But hard facts will help to discount most of the wild assertions made by the paid disseminators of false tales, and in the end we hope to see the whole Chinese population of Hongkong returning to sanity. There are thousands of them who have all their interests here, and have no use whatever for overlordship by the Canton factions. A very striking illustration of this is given by the peasants of the New Territories, who are carrying on as usual, providing the Colony with its limited supplies of local farm produce and vegetables, and are without doubt hoping that no Chinese administration will ever have an opportunity of interfering with them. The strikers are mainly city dwellers, with no settled abode, and thus more easily stampeded by the threats of the evilly-disposed. And the vast majority of them must be longing for the day when they can return to their employment without further fear of intimidation.

A feature of the emergency ferry service these days is the crowd of Chinese spectators who lounge at either wharf, apparently waiting for something to happen. Whenever a ferry boat misses the wharf,

or a strong tide, to which the new steersman is of course not accustomed, sweeps the vessel out of its course and a second attempt to come alongside is necessary, these spectators are obviously highly amused, and no doubt feel that their long wait has not been for nothing. It provides an interesting study of the psychology of the Chinese, and a commentary on the general apathy towards the strike, that while thousands of the population are leaving the Colony as fast as they can find outward bound accommodation, these loungers are content to wait day after day and watch—for something to turn up. These people would doubtless be very sorry when the strike eventually comes to an end. Their little form of relaxation will then have gone.

THE P. AND O.

A NEW PORT OF CALL.

London, June 30.

The S.S. Khyber on Saturday inaugurates a new departure for the P. and O. Line, making Southampton a port of call in its service to the Far East. Reuter.

A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. have established a depot temporarily at the Peak for supplying residents with aerated waters. This depot is in the Peak Hotel premises adjoining the Dairy Farm depot.

Vernacular newspapers this morning state that the workers of the Green Island Cement Company have gone out on strike. We are informed by Messrs. Shevan, Tones and Co., Ltd., that there is not the slightest foundation for such a report.

The Sai On, Kwongsi and Kwong Fook Cheong arrived from Canton this morning. They brought in about 400 passengers who included some of the run-away scholars from the schools of the Colony. Connection with Canton is to be made tonight by three other Chinese river steamers.

The Exchange Banks, and Insurance offices will be closed to the transaction of public business to-morrow.

NOTICES.

BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday, 1st July, 1925.

We beg to announce that our Depot and Branches will be open at the following hours on WEDNESDAY, 1st JULY:—DEPOT, KOWLOON AND QUARRY BAY—From 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

PEAK, HOTEL DEPOT—8.30 a.m. to 12 noon.
ICE DEPOT—6 a.m. to 8 a.m. & 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LTD.
Hongkong, 30th June, 1925.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the business and goodwill of "Queen's Dispensary" owned by the undersigned has this day been sold to Messrs. C. W. Handley & Co., and that the undersigned will not be responsible for any debts or other liabilities incurred in the name of the "Queen's Dispensary" after the 30th June, 1925.

All creditors of the "Queen's Dispensary" are requested to send in their accounts to the undersigned for payment at No. 22, Des Voeux Road, (old P. & O. Building) on or before the 1st July, 1925.

Customers are kindly requested to settle their accounts to 30th June, 1925, at the above mentioned address. Cheque being made payable to "Harper & Co., Ltd."

For and on behalf of
Harper & Company, Limited,
G. HARPER,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, June 30, 1925.

INSURANCE OFFICES.

NOTICE

General Holiday—1st July, 1925.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Fire and Marine Insurance Offices will be closed for the transaction of public business on Wednesday, the 1st of July, 1925.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries,
Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong.
Marine Insurance Association of Hongkong and Canton,
Hongkong, June 29, 1925.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Wednesday, the 1st July, 1925.
Hongkong, June 29, 1925.

NOTICE

There are abundant stocks of Firewood on sale in the Colony, and these are at present being replenished through normal channels.

For the benefit of those members of the public who, in ordinary times, purchase Firewood through their servants or compradores, the following list of a few of the Firewood dealers, who hold large stocks, is published for information:—

Wang Lee, 11 Kuen Yuen Street West.
Yuen Shing, 11 Aberdeen Street.
Shing Loong, 37 Cage Street.
Tin Shing, 22 Peel Street.
Hop Yick, 21 Graham Street.
On Yick Wo, 25 Graham Street.
Hau Woo, 29 Graham Street.
Yu Hing, 26 Graham Street.
Wa Shing, 31 Graham Street.
Mow Tai, 28 Cochrane Street.
Cheo Hing, 30 Cochrane Street.
Wing Fat, 40 Cochrane Street.
Sam Yick, 184 Hollywood Road.
Kong Lee, 34 Tung Street.
Sam Kee Hop, 34 Sai Street.
Wang Shing, 28 Possession Street.
Hop Fat, 30 Possession Street.
Hop Woo, 5 Po Yan Street.
Lee Yan Woo, 7 Ko Sing Street.
Woo Cheong, 22 Chung San Street East.
Chin Cheong, 17 Chung San Street East.

Sources of supply for Kowloon Districts will be advertised later.
N. L. SMITH,
Food Controller.

NOTICE

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

On Wednesday, 1st July, 1925, the Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
The Aerated Water Depot at the Peak will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, June 30, 1925.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we have this day purchased the business and goodwill of the "Queen's Dispensary" which has been removed to No. 22, Des Voeux Road, (old P. & O. Building). All debts and liabilities incurred after the 30th June, 1925, will be met by us.

C. W. HANDLEY & CO.
Hongkong, June 30, 1925.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS LIMITED.

With reference to the offer of new shares dated the 15th May, 1925, (made to existing shareholders of the Company) by the terms of which the sum of \$7.50 per share was to be paid on the 30th June, 1925, and the sum of \$5 on the 30th September, 1925, the directors have decided (in view of the present condition of affairs) to extend these dates.

The date for payment of the first instalment of \$7.50 per share is accordingly extended until the 30th September, 1925, and the date for payment of the second instalment until the 31st December, 1925.

As regards shareholders who take advantage of these extended terms the new shares allotted to them will rank for dividend as from the 1st October, 1925, in respect of half the nominal value thereof and as from the 1st January, 1926, in respect of the full nominal value thereof.

Any shareholder who makes payment prior to the due date will be allowed interest at 7% per annum on the amount paid by him from the date of payment until the due date.

This notice will not affect those shareholders who make payment on the original dates i.e. as regards the first instalment on the 30th June, and as regards the second instalment on the 30th September. The shares to be allotted to them will in accordance with the original terms of the offer rank for dividend on one half the nominal value as from the 1st July, 1925, and on the full nominal value as from the 1st October, 1925.

By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Managing Director.
Hongkong, June 30, 1925.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY, THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN AND CONTINENTAL PORTS AND LONDON.

The Steamship, "MIRZAPUR" carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port at Noon, only Thursday the 2nd July 1925 taking Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuable Cargo for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be conveyed by this Steamer proceeding to Bombay and there transhipped to the on-carriage Steamer for Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages must be declared. For further particulars, apply to—

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & COMPANY,
Agents.
Hongkong, 29th June 1925.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

N. Y. K. LINE.

The Steamship "TOYOOKA-MARU"

(Arrived on June 28, 1925.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Consignees of all cargoes for Hongkong and local outports via Hongkong, that the aforesaid steamer have been over-carried to Singapore by the steamer owing to the presence of strikes, at the risk and expense of the shippers, consignees, and owners of the goods. Consignees are requested to take necessary steps in the matter. No insurance for such over-carryage has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, June 28, 1925.

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE.

The Steamship "ARCHER"

having arrived Manila on June 24, Consignees of Hongkong cargo are hereby notified that, owing to strike conditions prevailing here, their cargo is being landed at their risk at Manila and stored there at Shippers' and/or Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire or any other Insurance has been effected by the Steamship Company.

Atlantic, Gulf & Oriental S.S. Co.
Agents,
4, Des Voeux Road,
Hongkong, June 26, 1925.

"EGREMONT CASTLE"

From New York

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Standard Oil Co.'s Godowns at Kennedy Town, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after 6th July, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 6th July, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th July at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, June 30, 1925.

Canton (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on the 26th June, and is due here on or about the 1st August, 1925.

NOTICE

The Steamship "S.S. 'EGREMONT CASTLE'"

Loading for Manila, Boston, New York sails from Hongkong on July 3, 1925.

QUEEN'S DISPENSARY.

The above will remove to new premises No. 22, Des Voeux Road Central (The Old P. & O. Building, next to Whiteway, Laidlaw & Co.), on Monday the 29th inst.

C. W. HANDLEY & CO.
Hongkong, June 29, 1925.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

SERVICES CONTRACTUALS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE

The Steamship "COMPIEGNE"

Consignees of Cargo from Marseilles, etc.

In connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuable are being landed and stored at their risks in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining undelivered after Monday the 29th instant at noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All claims must be sent into me on or before Thursday, the 2nd July, 1925 or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 29th instant at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No fire insurance has been effected.

R. RODEN-USER,
Agent.
Hongkong, 29th June, 1925.

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE.

The Steamship "PRESIDENT JEFFERSON"

having arrived Shanghai on June 25, Consignees of Hongkong cargo are hereby notified that, owing to strike conditions prevailing here, their cargo is being landed at their risk at Shanghai and stored there at the Dollar Fair-Lien Chien Wharf and Godowns at Shippers' and/or Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire or any other Insurance has been effected by the Steamship Company.

ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE,
4, Des Voeux Road,
Hongkong, June 26, 1925.

THE STEAMSHIP "PRESIDENT CLEVELAND"

having arrived Shanghai on June 20, Consignees of Hongkong Cargo are hereby notified that owing to strike conditions prevailing here their cargo is being landed at their risk at Shanghai and stored there at the Dollar Fair-Lien Chien Wharf and Godowns at Shippers' and/or Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire or any other Insurance has been effected by the Steamship Company.

DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LINE,
No. 4, Des Voeux Road,
Hongkong, June 26, 1925.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From

AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, BREMEN, GENOA, ETC.

The Steamship "OLDEKERK"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 7th July, 1925 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th July, 1925 at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN
General Agents,
Hongkong 30th June, 1925.

NOTICE

The Steam Laundry Company beg to inform their customers that after the 29th instant, orders will only be received and delivered at 10, Stanley Street, Hongkong, the Kowloon Hotel Depot; and the Peak Hotel for the duration of the strike.

W. W. HIRST,
Manager,
Hongkong, June 29, 1925.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the postponed June Settlement will take place on Tuesday, 7th June, 1925.

By Order of the Committee,
J. W. KEW,
Secretary.

Hongkong, June 27, 1925.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE.

PEAK RESIDENTS.

Arrangements have been made to keep stocks of Sterilized Waters at the Peak Hotel premises, adjoining the Dairy Farm Depot. Peak residents should send for their requirements, as delivery to houses cannot now be made.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LTD.
Hongkong, June 28, 1925.

PEAK CLUB.

"Ladies passing the Peak Club in the mornings on their way to shop at the Peak Store, are invited to leave their children at the Peak Club where they be cared for by Mrs. Trautman and the Committee until the return of their parents or guardians."

J. D. DANBY,
for Controller of Labour.
Hongkong, June 28, 1925.

PREMISES TO LET.

Office, Second floor, China Building, will subdivide to suit tenants. Inspection any time during business hours. Apply The Hongkong Excavation Co. Ltd., 2nd Floor, Powell's Building.

GODOWN TO LET, in Alexandra Buildings. Apply Secretary, A. S. Watson & Co. Limited.

TO LET—One European flat, Wanchai Gap Road, Hongkong. Apply to 32 Kennedy Road.

TONGKING—HAIPHONG.

FOR SALE—Godowns 22,000 and 41,000 square feet along side canal HAIPHONG harbour, private wharves. Can be sold separately. Apply RAUZY HAIPHONG.

TO LET—Spacious suite of Offices 2nd floor, Chartered Bank Building (11th). Apply to: Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

TO LET—2 newly constructed 3-storied semi-detached houses with garages attached situated on Inland Lot 2365 Shubbs Road marked by signboard of Shun Shing Contractor just a little above Morrison Gap Road. Occupation about June 1st. Apply Sang Kee, New Bank Building.

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GEO. H. LYNOTT,

Special Representative.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS' LTD.

THE Transfer Books and Register of Shareholders of the Company will closed from WEDNESDAY the 1st day of July 1925 to WEDNESDAY the 3rd day of July 1925 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

Hongkong, 12th June 1925

FOR SALE.

TONGKING—HAIPHONG.

FOR SALE—Soap factory and oil mill—300 tons monthly fine building good situation sale including trade marks. Apply to RAUZY HAIPHONG.

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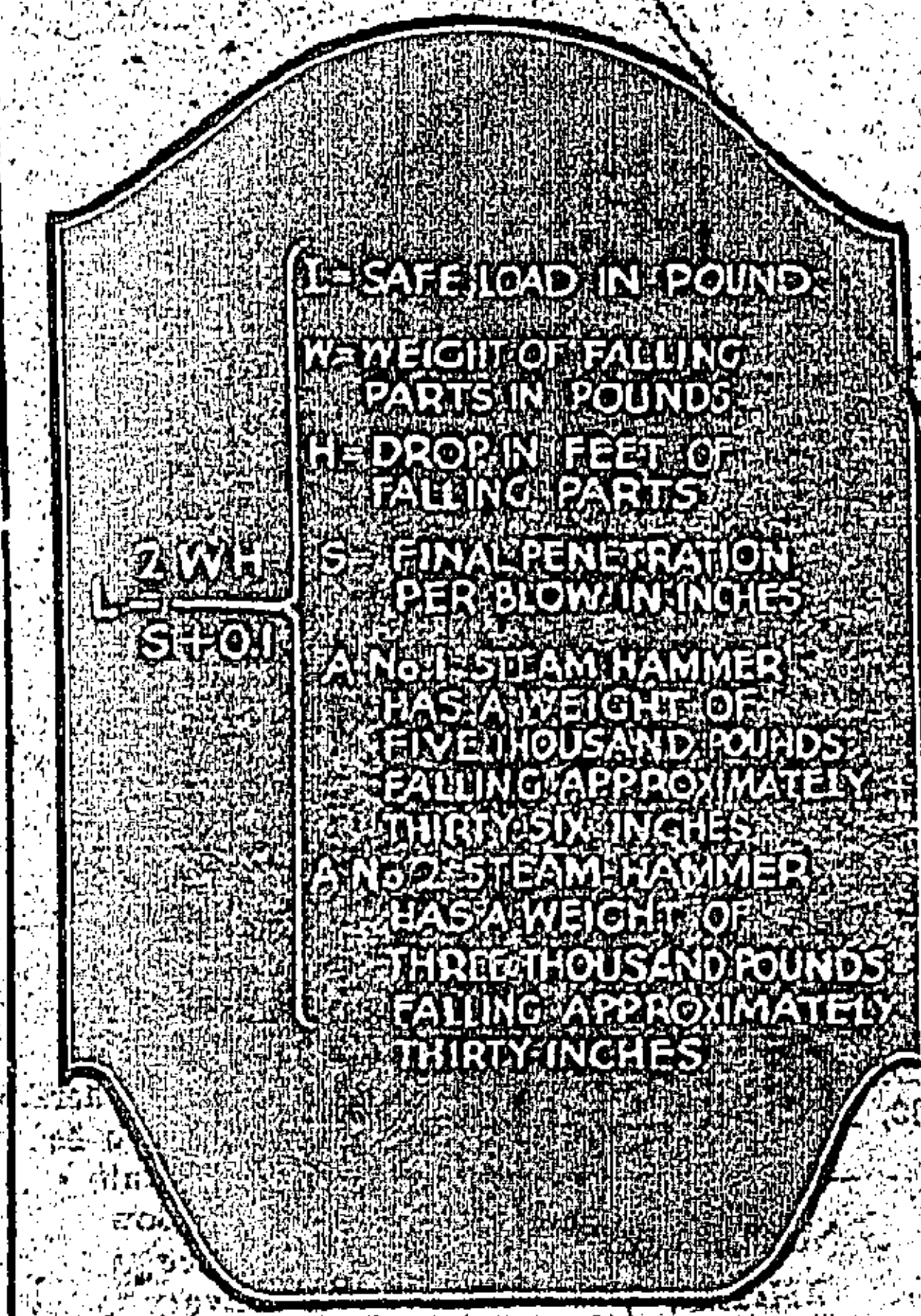
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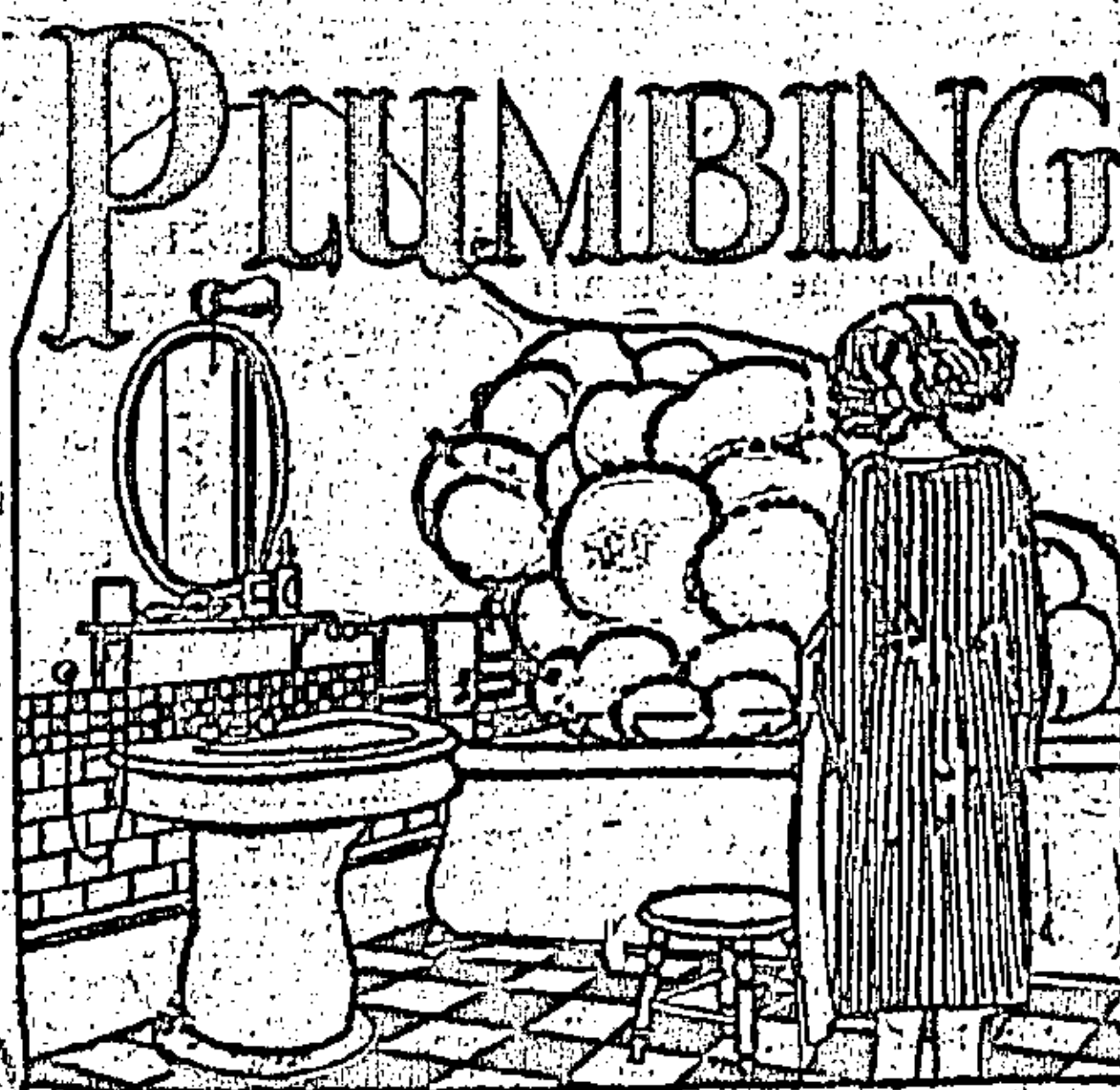
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